has already taken steps as regards the requirement of electrical connection to the laboratory. The procurement of equipments for this lab. has been already initiated through the World Bank aided Capacity Building Project on Food Safety and Quality Control of Drugs.

Population and unemployment

†1939. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several national social and economic problems of the nation are increasing due to burden of rapid increase in population;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to increasing population of country, maximum number of educated and uneducated people are afflicted with unemployment;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the newly made projects and programmes formulated by Government to check the increasing population of the country and steps being taken to implement these programmes?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (c) It is admitted that growing population causes a strain on natural and civic resources of the country, including employment opportunities.

(d) The Government has decided to launch Phase II (2005-2010) of the Reproductive and Child Health Programme (RCH-II) for provision of reproductive, maternal health, child health and contraceptive services to the people and the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) to provide comprehensive integrated primary health services throughout the country.

Scheme for AIDS prevention

†1940. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the schemes being run by Government for prevention of AIDS;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.